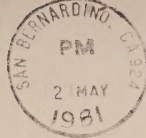


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Sunday, May 17, 1981

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July 17-19

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July 18-19

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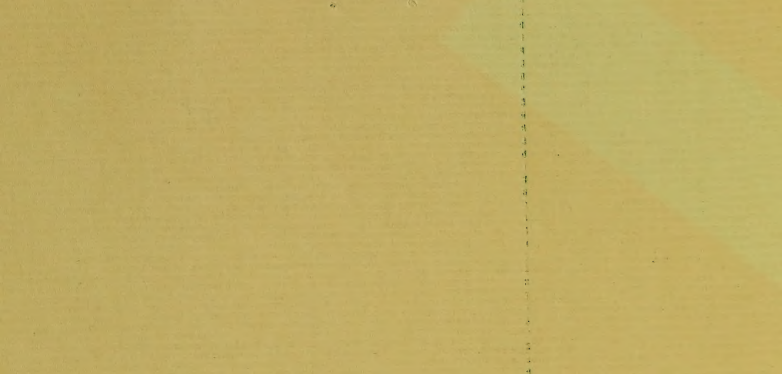
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Well another month is here and I hope you have all survived the rains and enjoying the sunshine. Once again we must make the monthly plea for donations to keep this paper going. Last month we thank, Speedy, and his family, Tanty from Pala Indian Reservatinn and Rev. Howard, for their generous donations but theirs alone will not keep producing this paper. This month Oceanside United gave us enough to see us thru, but what about next month????????? Won't you please dig down in those pockets of yours and send us what you can????? Speaking of Pala---- As you all remember from stories in the newspapers, the boys and girls club burned down. They are in need of sporting goods equipment and games of all sorts. Oceanside United with Ashtray David, in San Diego, has started a drive to collect used equipment and games, if you would like to donate won't you please bring your donation to the Capri and give to Dottie or any of the bartenders. Love You All/

C A L E N D A R

- March 1 - Press Room - San Diego - 1st Anniv. - Buffet 4-7pm
Full Moon Tonight
- 2 - MCC Services llam - Installation of Gordon Fisher, as Deacon - Pot Luck Dinner followin services. Evening services 6:30 pm - MCC will be open from 10:30 am till 8 pm, for counseling and rap sessions or what ever. Imperial Court meeting at 2 pm - MCC San Diego - 2PM- "Shaking Hands Awards and Dinner" - 8 pm Bridge Motor Inn - doors open 6:45 - no host bar.
- 3 -
- 4 -
- 5 -
- 6 -
- 7 - Calif. Bird & Arbor Day - Andrew Jacksons Birthday
- 8 -
- 9 - The Club - San Diego - Int. Womens Day Concert - 3pm
MCC - Oceanside - Services llam & 6:30 pm - church open during the day for counseling and rap sessions.
- 10 -
- 11 -
- 12 - 4th Ave. Baths - San Diego - Free VD Clinic - 7 - 11 pm
- 13 - Roxanne do you have the cake in the oven -? Its P.J.'s Birthday
HAPPY BIRTHDAY P.J.
- 14 -
- 15 - SHAKESPEARE'S "TWELFTH NIGHT" (GAY NIGHT) PATIO PLAYHOUSE, ESCONDIDO.
- 16 - NEW MOON TONIGHT - 8PM, INFO. CALL WALTER 489-5514
MCC Oceanside - Services 11 am and 6:30pm
- 17 - HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY - Who will be, "Irish Spring" - vote tonight 194 per vote - to benefit Oceanside United - trophy. Free Corned Beef and Cabbage. Angler-Capri - 8 pm
- 18 - Mr. Macho Contest - 8 pm - To Benefit, MCC San Diego Community Hall Bldg. Fund - for more info. call 453-1427 or 291-6266
- 19 -
- 20 - 1st Day of Spring
- 21 -
- 22 -
- 23 - MCC OCEANSIDE - ANNIVERSARY - 11 am services - Breakfast 1:30 pm
Daisy's Restaurant - 1401 Mission Ave. - Donation \$5.00 - Limited seating - Tickets can be bought from any MCC - Member. - 4pm - Show MCC - with guest entertainers - \$3.00 addmission - 6:30 pm Evening Services - 8 pm - Free Pot Luck Buffet - Auction and 50/50 Raffel Angler-Capri Lounge.
- 25 - FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
- 26 - KUHIO DAY IN HAWAII
- 27 -
- 28 -
- 29 -
- 30 - Palm Sunday - MCC Oceanside - 11 am service - distribution of palms., 6:30 pm services - Church open thru out the day.
- 31 -

Oceanside United - received the trophy for second place - most money earned in the organization catagory - Campaign 80 - Shoe Fund - to benefit the San Diego Union Shoe Fund - to provide shoes for needy children. CONGRADULATIONS

Dottie Pena, won, Queen of Hearts and Bobby C, King of Hearts at the, St. Valentine Day Party held at the Angler -Capri - Feb. 12.

A very fine dinner party was hosted by Bobby C., for members of Oceanside United, and friends at his home on Feb. 18 - It was a great evening for all in attendance

GAE _ have changed their name to GALE - well out of space so more next month.



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GREETINGS FROM RAIN SOAKED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND OCEANSIDE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - We were very fortunate here in Oceanside, with all the rains we have had only minor damage to our chapel due to the rains. It was great to see the sun again. The rain did not hamper the Ash Wed., services. Rev. Howard Williams, conducted the service with several members in attendance, rain or no rain.

With Rev. Flo Fleischman, at the helm, we have seen minor growth with new faces each sunday.

March 23rd we will be celebrating our 5th anniversary. A day long celebration is planned. Services being conducted at 11 am - breakfast brunch 1:30 - cost \$5.00 (Daisy's Rest.) a live show being planned for 4PM - evening services at 6:30 - free buffet and auction to benefit MCC Oceanside and Oceanside United at 8 PM - Angler Capri Lounge - 207 N. Tremont St.

LOVE IS PLACING YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON IN THE MIDST OF THE MULTITUDES KNOWING OF HIS FATE. IT IS HAVING A CROWN OF THORNS PLACED UPON YOUR HEAD AND BEING HUNG ON A CROSS WITH SPIKES DRIVEN THROUGH YOUR HANDS AND FEET AND SWORDS THRUST IN YOU SIDES, SAYING, "FORGIVE THEM FATHER FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO"

LOVE IS ALL THESE THINGS AND MORE AND SO IF LOVE CAN ME MEASURED IN THE TERMS OF THE HEART THEN WE ARE ALL JUST A MOMENT APART.

Sgt. Howard P.

Evening services on Sundays begin March 2nd at 6:39 pm - won't you please attend. Chapel will be open from 10:30 am till 8 PM each sunday for counseling - rap groups etc.

WE ARE NOW SAVING AND COLLECTING OLD NEWSPAPERS, ALUMINUM CANS, AND GLASS FOR RE-CYCLEING WON'T YOU PLEASE SAVE YOURS AND CALL US FOR PICK UP OR BRING THEM TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR BUILDING FUND.

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE - Acts, xx, 35

THE SUREST WAY TO BE DECEIVED IS TO THINK ONE'S SELF MORE CLEVER THAN OTHERS --Froncois de La Rochefouauld (1613-1680)

FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE:

In biblical times, when long droughts set in and famine struck the lands, the people generally reacted according to the tradition of their own land. The Philistines, the Amorites, the Egyptians, the Mobites, etc., remained in their towns and cities to suffer starvation -- but the Israelites.... by heritage, always nomadic shepherds, who followed their ever-moving herds to greener pastures since the days of Abraham were wont to pick up all their belongings and leave their homes to search for areas unaffected by the famine

Sometimes they would stay in a foreign country for generations, but always looked upon their true home as the one which they had left years before - to which some future generation would eventually return.

WATCH FOR OUR NEW GAY HOT LINE SOON

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Donations are needed to keep this paper going. Won't you please help??? Send your contribution to: Post Office Box 306, Oceanside, Calif. 92054. One dollar goes a long long way when it comes to postage and paper.

Gordon Fisher, will be installed officially on March 2nd, as Decon of MCC Oceanside at the 11 am service. Please attend and support our new decon.

Coming soon - Deacons closet - to help the needy.

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6:30 PM - EVENING SERVICE

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The EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT
(In complete form)

Section I

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section II

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section III

This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

Governors and Key Legislators, Unratified States

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--Suggested phrases for the President. See reverse side for much more!

- 1) Remember your promise to ratify in 1980. Support ERA in *State.
- 2) It is your turn to push for ERA ratification. Make equality part of the Constitution.
- 3) Is ERA really a White House priority? Show your support. Pass the ERA in *State.
- 4) The Nations eyes are on you to ratify *State. Keep your promises and support ERA.
- 5) Are you the man to deny equal rights for women.....
- 6) Does this sound famaliar? "As women achieve equality, men, too, are liberated from ancient prejudices and relieved of arbitrary barriers to personal fulfillment." (This is a Carter quote) Yes, men too, have much to gain through this major issue. Ratify the ERA!
- 7) Do you intend to let Marion Callister and the Mormon Church decide whether women should have equal rights under the law?

*The Unratified States are; Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia.

Below you will find suggested phrases to help in writing various legislators on the ERA. Any combination of phrases from sections A, B, and C, can be used as a format. Please keep in mind that what is more important is the show of numbers of supporters, rather than the quality (details) of the letters. Individually and as a group we can make a difference by speaking out on important issues such as the ERA!!!

-----A) The year is 1980, and women have been voicing their demands for equal protection for over 200 years.

A) I am writing on behalf of my women friends who need protection under the law, in order to ensure they have equal opportunities for success as do the men in our society.

A) As Abigail Adams stated in a letter to her husband in March, 1776..... (Pick out any phrase or sentence to make a point.)

Dear John,

I long to hear that you have declared an independancy --- and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If perticuliar care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation.

Abigail Adams

-----B) The ERA is an important and basic issue for every woman, man and child.

B) As a male I fully realize the importance of equal rights under the law, regardless of sex.

B) The ERA will have a tremendous positive effect on the emotional and physical health of men. When men begin to deal honestly with themselves, they recognize the unfairness of their biased attitudes toward other human beings.

B) The ERA is much more than a symbol. It is a bread and butter issue. It means dollars and cents for women.

B) Help make your state ratified.

B) We have a dream - ERA in 1980.

-----C) Your vote/support could mean equality for women nationwide. Vote "Yes" on ERA./Speak out for the passage of the ERA, Now!

C) I hope that you will lead the effort in getting this landmark bill passed in your state.

C) For the benefit of generations to come, give us your support in the passage of the ERA.

C) Support equality for both women and men. Make *State proud.

C) I urge you to speak out for the ratification of the ERA, Now!

C) Let the ERA be our stepping stone for the 80's.

C) You can help make this dream/issue become a reality.

C) Take a stand. Help lead your state into the 1980's.

-If you would like to make donations to help groups in the unratified states, please write checks to NOW/ERA PAC and send to:

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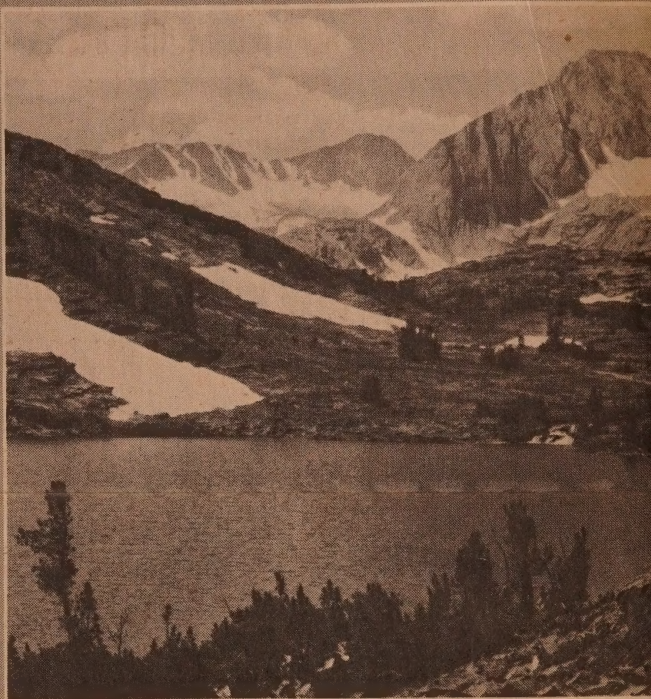
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Openers

Great Outdoors originated the gay outdoors movement, and through this proud magazine we communicate our programs each month. Whether an outdoors buff or novice, you'll want to experience California's finest wilderness with Great Outdoors.

Yearly membership is \$15 (\$10 for students) after which members pay only \$5 for each outing attended, plus your share of cooking and carpool expenses. Average weekend cost is \$25-\$30 statewide. Local chapter day activities are usually free. (We're non-profit.)

Warm-up parties occur bi-monthly across the state, where general information, upcoming outing details and wilderness orientation are shared in an informal social atmosphere.



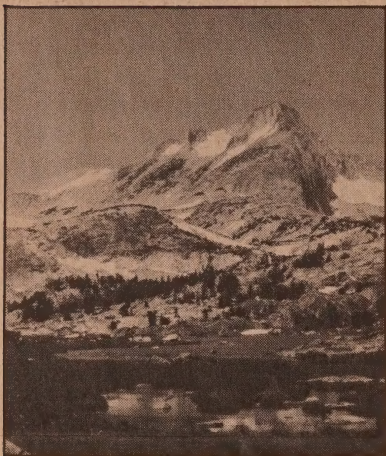


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Yosemite Trails

Mark Winsor



Photos by John Shorey & Mark Winsor

To most visitors Yosemite is the Valley - the incomparable Valley with sheer granite walls, waterfalls and yellow pine forests. But the Valley is also frustrating - jammed full with Winnebago campers, luxury hotels with tennis courts and gift shops and lines of tour buses. The Valley is no longer a wilderness - even the bears survive almost entirely on human garbage. The Park Service Master Plan for the Valley is foundering on the rocks and appears that the Valley will never be returned to a wilderness condition.

The other Yosemite is the high country. It is accessible only by the Tioga Road. The road gets much summer traffic, especially around Tuolumne Meadows. But hike a few miles from the road and you'll discover a wilderness of special beauty. Yosemite's high country is a land of soaring peaks, hundreds of sapphire lakes, dark red-fir forests and golden stands of lodgepole pines. The vast emerald meadows lend a special gentle character to this wilderness. Wildlife is abundant and seems unaccustomed to the presence of humans. Yet this is a fragile environment in which meadows are easily trampled, a fire-ring may last 500 years and water is easily polluted. Usually the damages to the high country made by humans are irreparable.

In recent years Yosemite's high country has been discovered by an alarming number of visitors and damage to the environment is becoming apparent. As a stopgap measure to slow the



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steady deterioration of the wilderness from human use, the park service now requires wilderness use permits, and sets limits to the numbers of backpackers departing from each trailhead. This means that you have to make reservations sometimes months in advance for favorite trails in the high country. Additional restrictions include limitation to use of designated campsites and restriction of campfires. These all add up to a lot of hassle, but in the end the restrictions make sense. Wilderness is rapidly diminishing in California, and no backpacker wants to see Yosemite's high country become developed like the Valley.

Mark is an expert on the Sierra, former Parks Ranger and naturalist, and a Great Outdoors Bay Area Trails Chief. His plans for our September 26-28 Statewide Yosemite trip call for a backpack trip beyond Tuolumne Meadows into the High Country of Twenty Lakes Basin. With a little coaxing, you'll have Mark at your local Warm-up for Yosemite (see back cover). After all, we're visiting his life's love.

Stalking the Great Gay Outdoors

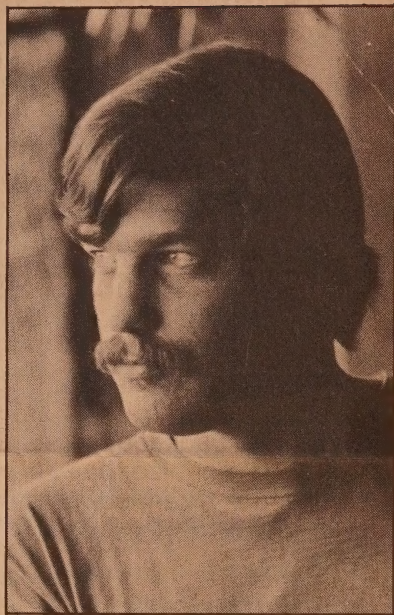
Jeff Norman

The purpose of Great Outdoors is to make available to gay people an alternative to city life. We act as facilitators for men and women who get their fill of concrete and pavement, bars and baths, and want to try something different. The outdoors offers a fresh frame of reference, a world different enough from the city to clear the head and allows us to view our lives in a more objective manner.

Wilderness is a place where we can achieve responsibility for our actions -- if only for a weekend. We become answerable to nearly every facet of our existence -- from obtaining fuel to preparing our food to hygienically disposing of the end product of that meal. There are no butchers, bakers or candlestick-makers -- other than you!

We at Great Outdoors want you to enjoy yourself -- that's what it's all about. And the greatest enjoyment comes from knowing that what you do is done right. A feeling for the ecological balance of the wilds will dictate your actions and enhance your experience. And personal safety fits right into the picture. Remember that when you enter the wilderness, you become a part of that ecosystem. Your well-being affects and is affected by the land and the life around you. Pay attention.

Our trail and camp leaders come on the outings to help you. They have been chosen because they have a degree of expertise and common sense which will enable others to learn to be at home in the wilderness. At our warm-up parties they will go over what is needed to achieve this end. You may be asked to travel in groups -- rock climbing, swimming and exploring should never be undertaken alone. It may prove necessary to wear heavy boots and long pants -- but remember, the backcountry is not always a gentle wilderness. There are rattlesnakes, rock slides, poison oak, and miles of hard, hot trail. We want you to have a good time, and part of this is learning about yourself, about what your body can, and cannot do. So come on and accept the challenge. Welcome to the Great Outdoors!



Jeff is a National Parks Ranger, former Great Outdoors Trails Chief and friend to all. He helped plan our 1980 schedule.

Coming Up

September 12-14 and 19-21 Catalina-Anacapa

L.A. Trails Chief Mike Peru reports a few spaces left on our Catalina Island Campout August 12-14, and the Anacapa Island weekend August 19, too. Lots of water, beach and trail activities.

We camp near Two Harbors on Catalina and have the island to ourselves on Anacapa! Call Mike to get counted in - 213-792-3481.

September 26-28 Yosemite

Tioga Pass area, accessible from east and west. Car camping at Saddlebag Lake or 3 mile backpack to 20 Lakes Basin. The choicest Sierra backcountry at 10,000 feet. San Francisco chapter is planning. Your organizer has full info. Carpools, cooking and hiking/camping groups arranged at Warm-up parties.

October 10-24 Cleveland Forest

Lake Elsinore area, in desert wilds. Car camping, but plenty of day hikes long and short to choose from. Inland Empire hosts.

October 24-26 Pinnacles Nat'l Monument

Next to last statewide outing at 1980! Bay Area chapter hosts this weekend of camping and backpacking in spectacular sub-sierra wilderness. Near exact center of state, so every chapter will be participating.

Big Sur Album

Gregory McKenna



Friday morning comes. You and three other members make the drive to one of California's most exciting wilderness areas. You are met at the trail head by a trail leader, and begin the three mile hike to the Estrella camp site. An interesting thought passes through your mind: this forest, with its views of the ocean and limitless sky, has always been there. What took you so long to discover it?

Up to this point, the trip is pretty much the same for everyone. Once in the forest though, once the highway disappears behind the first ridge, it becomes a very personal experience. I arrived at the Ranger Station later in the afternoon, and hiked with my friend Corky and two other guys from the club. Since it was getting dark, we decided to stop at the Pacific Coast camp, half-way to Estrella. After a quick meal around a small campfire we watched in silence as the stars came out through the treetops. It was an unusually warm and clear night. An occasional falling star lit up the night sky. Silently, we all made a wish. Later we had a good laugh because, in true San Francisco style, we had all wished for the same thing—lasting relationships. As they say, you can take the boys out of the City, but...

I was awakened early the next morning by our companions at the campsite. They were packed and ready to leave just as I wiggled out of my sleeping bag. I walked to the creek and, looking up, realized that we were at the bottom of a small canyon. A cool solitude hung over the creek. I stayed there, climbing over rocks, wading in the chilled mountain water, discovering insects that, I'm sure, were very common. But for me, a city dweller, the flora and fauna of the creek were part of a new world. Thoughts of city frustrations and ambitions came and went. Soon I found a sunny spot and stretched out next to the stream. The heat of the sun, the murmur of water breaking over rocks, the brightness on my eyelids all faded slowly into sleep.

Corky woke me a little later. After playing in the stream, and a quick lunch of trail mix and fruit, we packed up our gear and hit the trail. Estrella was 1.3 miles away. On the way we passed a waterfall and heard voices and laughter ringing through the forest. It had to be the swimming hole we'd heard so much about. After a quick stop at Estrella to claim tent space and a quick round of hellos, we headed back to the waterfall. From the top it was a twenty-five foot plunge to the pool below. We climbed down and dove in. It was the most refreshing swim I'd ever taken. The sunshine was leaving the canyon to shade; it lingered momentarily in the tree tops, then disappeared.

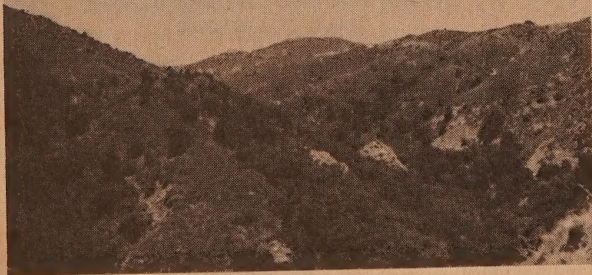
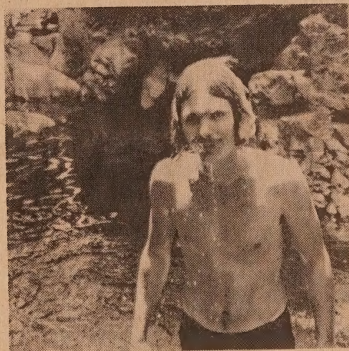
Back at the campsite, everyone was cooking around the campfire. It was time for the Saturday display of gourmet finesse. The undisputed winner was the freeze-dried pineapple cheese cake with graham cracker crust. It sure was better than our chicken a la king on mashed potatoes. We left the group just as the "to change a lightbulb" jokes started and, since the night was warm, decided to sleep outside the tent. Soon the full moon peeked over the ridge, setting everything off in a surreal contrast of moonlight and night.

I slept soundly, but woke up early after the moon had set. The sky was violet with the coming dawn; the air was still. Suddenly a cool breeze, the first wind of sunrise, set the tree tops swaying. It was a moment I will always remember.

Certainly everyone would have a version of their trip to Big Sur. That's part of what makes Great Outdoors special—it's structured just enough to get you out there; the rest is up to you. Total cost for the weekend came to \$30 per person, including food and transportation. The same three day trip with a regular travel group would run from \$48 to \$70, and that does not include transportation.

Great Outdoors is unique. It offers the freedom to enjoy the outdoors with other gay people without pressure, and at low cost.

Greg is co-founder of Bay Area Great Outdoors, now called Bay Area Outdoors. This article originally appeared in the *Sentinel*, San Francisco's leading gay newspaper.



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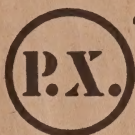
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When planning your backpacking menu your important considerations should be finding foods high in calories, low in weight and simple in preparation. The calories are especially important as a source of fuel. You'll be burning up lots of calories by hiking. The simple carbohydrates available in sugars are high in calories and, since the body converts them very rapidly into energy, they are good for that "pooped out" feeling at the end of a long trail. Starchy foods, such as corn, potatoes, pasta, breads and cookies provide complex carbohydrates that are also high in calories, are digested more slowly so they supply energy to the body at a more even rate. Meats and dairy products such as cheese are a third source of calories in the form of fats and protein. As a precaution, a few extra candy bars should be carried in case you find yourself stuck in the wilderness longer than you planned.

Thanks to modern technology, most camping outfitters now stock a dazzling array of ultra-light dishes packaged in shiny foil pouches. Ranging from Tuna a-la Neptune to Beef Stroganoff and French Apple Compote, these freeze-dried concoctions were created especially for backpackers and are generally easy to prepare. For those completely new to the joys of cooking by the trail there are even complete, prepackaged meals that take all the risk out of choosing your menu. All of them are expensive, costing up to five times the price of the same dish freshly prepared. If you are planning a backpacking trip of three days or more these foods will probably play an important part in your menu. Regardless of the price, the advantage of being able to carry an entire day's rations in less than two pounds cannot be overlooked. Although taste is a very personal matter, some freeze-dried foods taste better than others. Some of the fruits that are reconstituted with cold water, such as French Apple Compote (also very good hot) and Fruit Cocktail, are remarkably good. Egg dishes and entrees like Beef Stroganoff are not bad if you've been on the trail for a few days. A few of these items, Chicken or Tuna Salad in particular, can be considered edible only in extreme emergencies. Bizarre creations such as freeze-dried Ice Cream are excellent examples of technology gone amok.

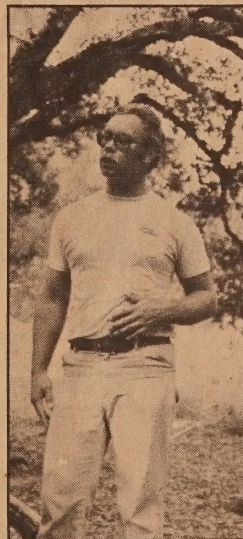
Your grocery store is also an excellent source of high calorie, low weight, easily prepared foods. For breakfast you might consider a hot bowl of Quaker Instant Oatmeal. For a hot lunch or side dish for dinner, Take 5 Little Casseroles have to be listed among the grandest creations of modern food processing. Weighing less than four ounces, you merely pull back the tab on the lid and add boiling water to the styrofoam cup and wait five minutes. Besides being reasonably tasty they cost 59¢ and there are no dishes to wash when you're finished. Kraft and Lipton also have an excellent line of side dishes that are very light weight, but read the directions; if the recipe requires boiling the macaroni for twenty minutes you may want to reconsider, as this kind of cooking can take a long time and consumes huge amounts of precious stove fuel.

Fresh eggs, real bacon or sausage or bagels and cream cheese will keep for a day or two in mild weather and taste awfully great outdoors. Freezing some foods, such as fresh meats and keeping them in a cooler for the drive to the trailhead is another good trick. For the first night's dinner cold fried chicken from the Colonel is a good choice.

Regardless of the type of food you choose to bring along, there are two other important considerations: washing dishes and disposing of food scraps and packaging. Dishes should always be washed with a biodegradable soap at least 50 feet from your water source. Take the water out of the stream or lake and carry it up to where you are doing the dishes. Do not rinse the dishes in the water supply. Trash: if you can pack it in, you can pack it out. Even organic garbage; such as apple cores and orange peels, should be packed out. As far as the wilderness is concerned, nothing is biodegradable. Some of your trash can be burned in your campfire, foil packages are not among the things that will burn. **PACK IT OUT, PACK IT ALL OUT!!**

Steve Robinson is State Trails Chief of Great Outdoors.

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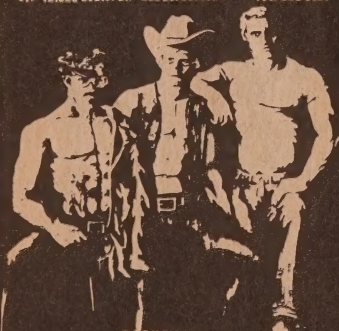
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Interested club members from across California will join new organizers from Arizona, Nevada and Colorado for a **GO! '81 Conference October 3-5** in Laguna Beach. Planned are workshops on chapter administration, events planning, publications, trails leadership, etc. A party and beach activities are planned by our Laguna Chapter. Contact Headquarters for information or to assist: 213-598-7317.

We need a t-shirt committee to help plan, print and distribute a minimum 1,000 shirts statewide. **GO!** magazine needs ad sales people and photographers. Contact Greg at 213-598-7317.

New chapters in Palm Springs, Laguna Beach, Santa Barbara, Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo welcome your support and participation. Call today - numbers are on page 15.

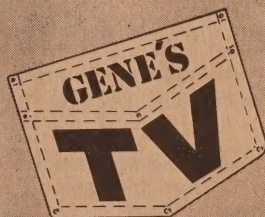
A few spaces remain on our Oct. 14-16 Tuolumne Rafting Trip. Call Larry at 213-768-2146 evenings for the wild river.

L.A. Trails Chief Mike Peru is planning ski jamborees with other clubs this winter. To assist, call 213-792-3481.

Our weekly in-house newsletter, **FLASHES**, is mailed to volunteers and others interested. Contact Editor Ken Speaker c/o Headquarters.

Details of our season capper, Halloween weekend at a ranch in Santa Barbara, will be in October's **GO!**

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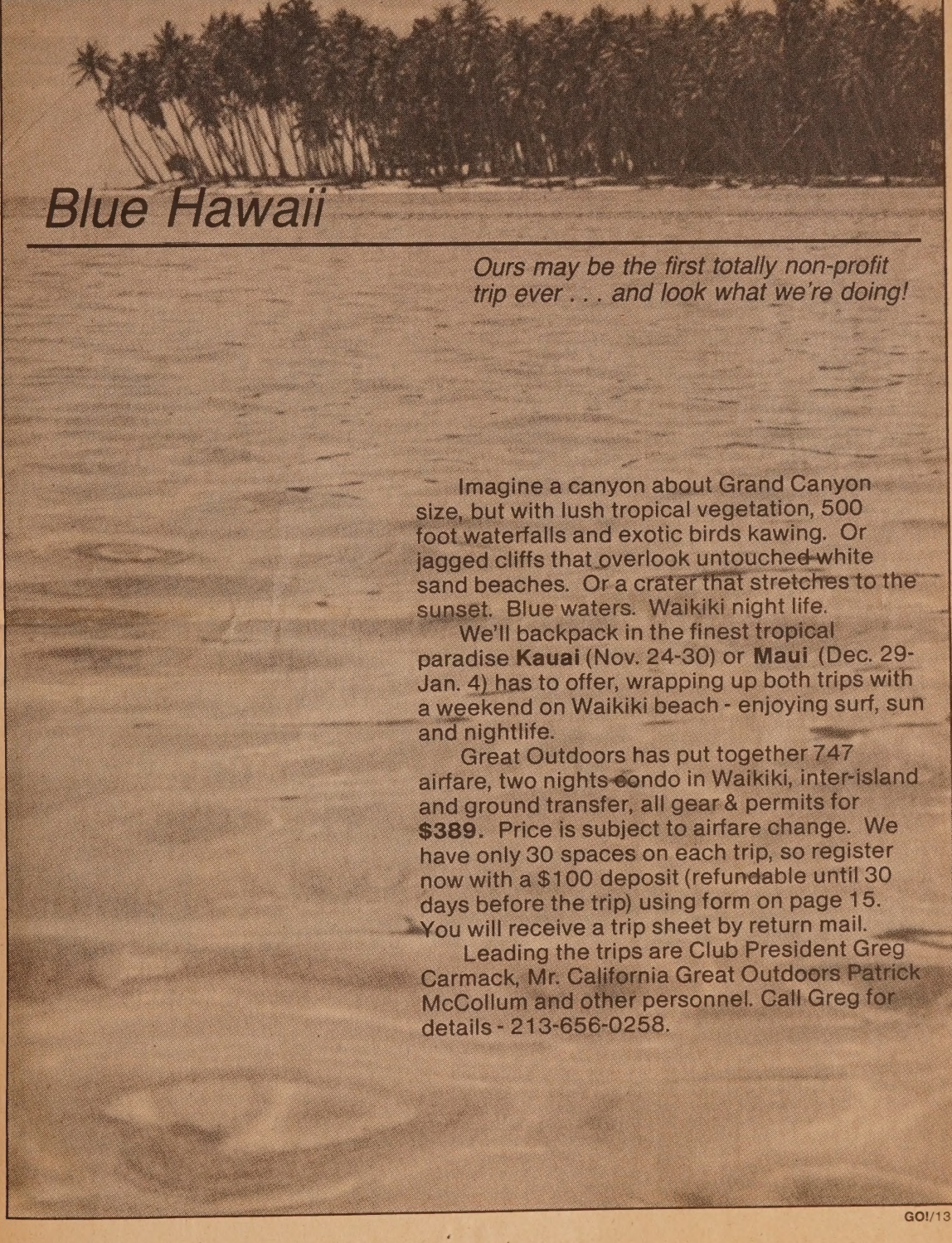
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Leading the trips are Club President Greg Carmack, Mr. California Great Outdoors Patrick McCollum and other personnel. Call Greg for details - 213-656-0258.

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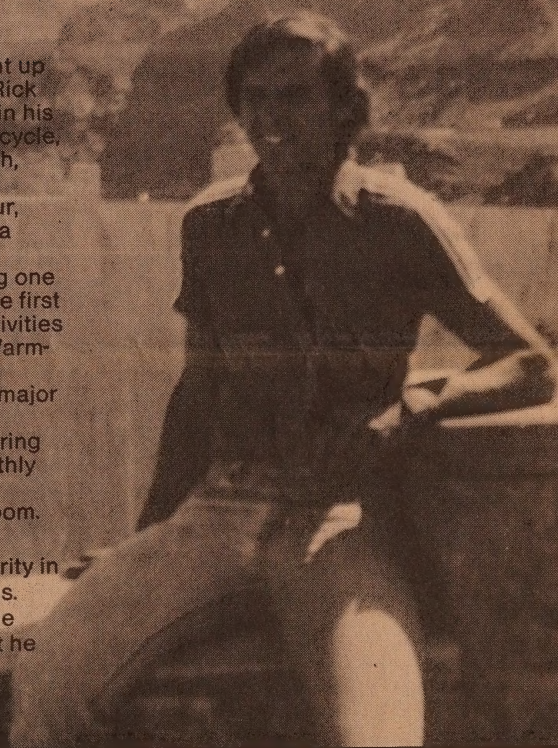
Rick Lucht

Over the past six months, we have caught up with San Diego's Great Outdoors organizer Rick Lucht: shuttling hikers to the Grand Canyon in his van (twice), riding cross country on his motorcycle, racing sailboats, playing softball on the beach, bicycling across town, in class, moving three times, and attending our Joshua Tree, Big Sur, Lake Mead, the Ranch, Anza Borrego, Solana Beach, Salt River and Kings Canyon outings.

All of this Rick does in addition to leading one of our strongest chapters. San Diego was the first G.O. City to have a local newsletter, local activities program and literally packs 'em in at every Warm-up party.

From Wisconsin, Rick is an engineering major at San Diego State and works full time in construction. His evenings are spent answering phone inquiries about G.O., writing a bi-monthly newsletter, distributing GO! magazines and holding meeting after meeting in his living room.

Rick is one of the club leaders whose commitment to Great Outdoors is a top priority in his life just now - and has been for six months. Assisted by an able San Diego core group, he looks forward to relaxing a bit more now that he has given San Diego Great Outdoors.



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I plan to pig out at the Hawaii Luau on ☐ Kauai and Waikiki, November

24-30 or ☐ Maui and Waikiki, December 29-January 4. Send full information.

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of Statewide Events

September

12-14: Catalina Island Island Weekend (see story page 7)

17, Wed.: Bay Area Warm-Up for Yosemite Weekend; call for location, 8-10 p.m.

18, Thurs.: Orange County Warm-Up for Yosemite Weekend; Rumour Hazzit, 8741 Garden Grove Blvd., G.G., 8-10 p.m.

19, Fri.: L.A. Warm-Up for Yosemite Weekend; W. H'wood Park, 647 N. San Vicente, 8-10 p.m.

19-21: Anacapa Island Weekend (see story page 7)

22, Mon.: Inland Empire Warm-Up for Yosemite; MCC San Bernardino, 699 W. Rialto, 8-10 p.m.

23, Tues.: San Diego, Fresno Warm-Up for Yosemite; call for location, 8-10 p.m.

26-28: YOSEMITE WEEKEND (see story page 7)

3, Fri.: L.A. Area Warm-Up for Cleveland Forest Weekend, W. H'wood Park, 647 San Vicente, 8-10 p.m.

3-5: Statewide Conference - Laguna Beach (see Briefs page 10)

6, Mon.: Inland Warm-Up for Cleveland Forest, 8-10 p.m., MCC San Bernardino, 699 W. Rialto

7, Tues.: San Diego, Fresno Warm-Ups for Cleveland Forest; call for info., 8-10 p.m.

10-12: Cleveland National Forest Weekend (see story page 7)

14-16: Tuolumne River Trip

15, Wed.: Bay Area Warm-Up for Pinnacles National Monument, call for place, 8-10 p.m.

16, Thurs.: Orange County Warm-Up for Pinnacles, Rumour Hazzit, 8-10 p.m.

17, Fri.: L.A. Warm-Up for Pinnacles, W. H'wood Park, 8-10 p.m.

20, Mon.: Inland Warm-Up for Pinnacles, MCC San Bernardino, 8-10 p.m.

21, Tues.: San Diego, Fresno Warm-Up for Pinnacles, call for place, 8-10 p.m.

24-26: Pinnacles National Monument (see story page 7)

24-26: Colorado River Canoe-trip - San Diego Chapter (see page 12)

October

1, Wed.: Bay Area Warm-Up for Cleveland Forest & Local Activities, call for location, 8-10 p.m.

2, Thurs.: Orange County Warm-Up for Cleveland Forest Weekend, Rumour Hazzit, 8741 Garden Grove Blvd., 8-10 p.m.



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Great Outdoors Summer!



After enormously successful participation in California Gay Pride activities, Great Outdoors has experienced a statewide growth boom. Membership has nearly doubled, events are planned for every weekend in some cities, and full scale Volunteer corps and Wilderness Training programs have swung into action to meet the challenge.

Local Activities Flourish

A committee headed by Thom Bessey in San Francisco has produced a weekly schedule of local and alternate events, including a Big Basin Day Hike July 19, San Gregorio Beach Aug 2, Potluck Dinner Aug 6, Marin Bicycle Tour Aug 9, and a Russian River Campout Aug 22-24. Call 431-4872

San Diego's chapter had an outstanding day on Mission Bay June 28 that featured water-skiing, canoeing, kayaking,

swimming, sail boat races and a softball game. Upcoming local events include a bicycle ride and day at Solana beach July 19.

The Orange County club plans a sail regatta to the Statewide Catalina/Anacapa Islands weekend, while Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Laguna and Inland Empire groups plan local and alternative events.

Trail Leaders Regroup

The club plans to double its squad of Trail and Camp leaders, who lead backpacking and camping units, scout events beforehand and help in educating the membership on the wilderness.

Led by Los Angeles' Steve Robinson (213-660-4474), SFO's Mark Winsor (415-647-1523) and San Diego's Stan Frymann (714-561-2813), the training weekend for Trail/Camp Leaders covers survival, Safety, first-aid, res-

cue, field administration and group leadership basics.

Volunteer Corps Organizes

Local "core groups" are forming in each city dividing up responsibilities like telephoning, local events planning, Warm-Up party hosting, media liaison, GO! distribution and ad sales.

Local organizers welcome participation as chapters solidify and look forward to election of local officers.



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All-Season Backpacking

COMING UP IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS:

Aug 8-10 Angeles Forest

High in the San Gabriel Mountains, towering stands of incense, cedar and Jeffrey pine shelter Cooper Canyon Campground, destination on our Angeles Forest outing Aug 8, 9, 10. As usual, a variety of activities are planned to satisfy the beginner and challenge the veteran. For the backpack into the campground you have a choice of a 2 mile hike on an old logging road or a 4 mile trek along the Burkhardt trail, along the banks of Little Rock Creek. For the hard core veteran, there's a seven miler along Rattlesnake Trail.

If you prefer car camping, you're welcome to find a spot at the Buckhorn Campground at the Burkhardt Trailhead. Day hikes will be organized to nearby falls and swimming holes, and to Burkhardt Saddle for a panoramic view of the Mohave Desert. For the really adventurous, an expedition to the top of Mt. Waterman is set.

Only 40 miles from Hollywood, but worlds away from the smog and noise! Carpool and cooking arrangements are handled at Warm-Ups, listed in Calendar. See you there!

Steve Robinson

Aug. 29-31 Kings Canyon

Labor Day weekend puts club campers and backpackers in the heart of the nation's premium mountain wilderness: the High Sierra. Backpacking options include a 12 mile hike to Bear Lake or a 17 mile loop through Silliman Pass (elev. 10,000). Campers can base themselves in Dorst Camp in the Giant Sequoia and enjoy day hikes, horseback riding, creek swimming or just relaxing by the campfire.

Besides regular carpooling arranged at Warm-Ups, some chapters will experiment with renting vans to transport larger groups.

Sept. 12-14: Catalina/Anacapa Islands

You can join in on the Great Outdoors sailing regatta from San Diego, Newport Beach or Marina Del Rey, or catch the big ship from Long Beach. We'll camp in Twin Harbors, with day hikes into the backcountry and to Avalon for village exploration.

Another group will explore desolate Anacapa Island (a harbor seal breeding ground) on special permit this weekend. Please send these reservation requests well in advance, so we can match you with private vessel owners going to Anacapa.



LAST CHANCE FOR 1980 RAFTING!

Last chance to reserve your space on our two (Oct 22-23) and three (Oct 14-16) day rafting adventures on the Tuolumne River -- California's most exciting whitewater! The package price includes everything -

food, portaging, equipment, etc. -and may be the first trip ever with no profit percentage added to cost. Contact Larry Hathaway, Great Outdoor's State Rafting Coordinator at 213-768-2146 evenings.

August 15-17 Santa Cruz - Seacliff

Seacliff State Park near Santa Cruz offers a perfect natural beach setting for our August 15-17 weekend. Camp near the beach, hike to a nearby river for swimming, sunbathing and water volleyball, or reflect on a rock beside sea lions. More details at the Warm-Up Party (see Calendar page 11) near you.

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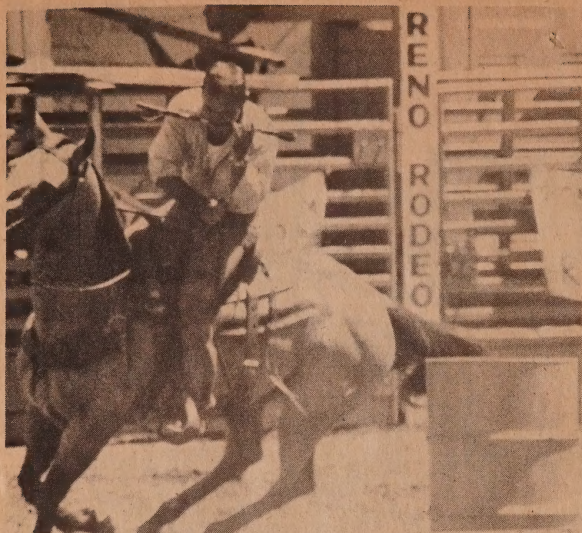


Tehachapi Ranch Weekend

June 6-8

Every city was represented at our weekend on the ranch. Campers swam, rode horses and mules, enjoyed an old fashioned hoedown and hayride and a giant barbeque.





Round-Up In Reno 1980

Reno's Gay Rodeo is attracting worldwide attention as a refreshing change of pace from typical gay events. This year's edition, set for August 1-3, should attract a record crowd of 8-10,000 to the Nevada State Fairgrounds.

Carpools of G.O. members from all over California will converge on forested Dog Valley Camp in Toyabe National Forest, just 10 miles west of Reno off I-80 (take Hennes Pass Rd. exit). Your local organizer will help

you get into a carpool leaving either Friday morning (to arrive in time for big Western Barbeque and Barn Dance that night) or on Saturday in time for Rodeo events like Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Barrel Racing, etc.

Outing fee is the usual \$5. You can cook with your carpool group, and all rodeo events are on the same \$18. ticket, so call your local organizer now to get in on the Big One!





Aerobics Conditioning

Vigorous activity like backpacking over distances requires an exercise program aimed at building endurance rather than cosmetic body building and toning. This is why Great Outdoors promotes Aerobics, blood-pumping motion exercises that increase heart efficiency and stamina.

Audience members at the June 21 Mr. California Great Outdoors Contest were treated to a demonstration of Aerobics fitness put to music as Eddie Grossman, local purveyor of "Aerobics Dance", demonstrated his technique using the twelve contestants.

Grossman, a St. Louis transplant, teaches classes at the Los Angeles Body Center. The basic class is an hour long, begins slowly and builds up to a healthy pace where every muscle group in the body is worked in the first half-hour.

Kenneth Cooper, the former astronaut who developed the Aerobics fitness program, prima-

rily pushes running, swimming, bicycling, walking distances and racquetball as most practical for building up and sustaining heart pace for a long enough time to accrue conditioning benefits. Contacted at U.S. Olympics Training Camp in Colorado Springs, he recently acknowledged the growth of dance-type exercise and assured us of its effectiveness.

"What you need," says Cooper, "is at least five to ten minutes of non-stop heart strain to achieve a conditioning effect. As long as the dance motion persists and challenges the heart, you have Aerobics exercise. It must also be done regularly or benefits dissipate."

Cooper's book, "Aerobics", is available at a Different Light and Unicorn Bookstores in LA and Paperback Traffic in SFO. Grossman can be reached at the Body Center in Los Angeles. Classes are also held at San Francisco's Body Center.

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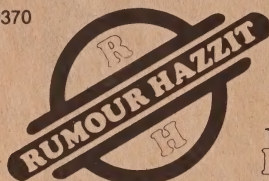
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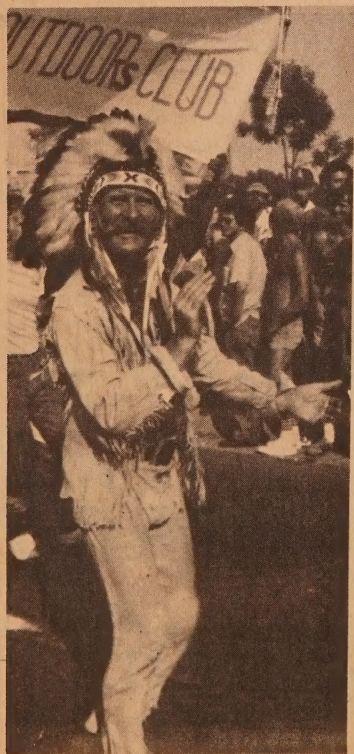
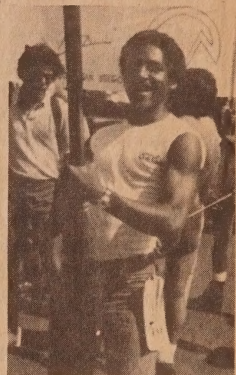
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Gay Pride: Proud Showing!

1980 Gay Pride participation began June 18, when we led off TV and radio broadcasts with announcement of a Booster-posted \$50,000. reward for capture of the "Freeway Killer". Our "Jock Hop" benefit was one of the best attended tea-dances ever held at Studio One, with club vet Patrick McCollum (right) named Mr. Calif. Great Outdoors. Large G.O. units in parades attracted media attention north and south, and booths had long lines waiting for club info.



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60,000 take to streets for Gay Pride Parade

By Nicole Yorkin
Herald Examiner staff writer

A street fair-like atmosphere prevailed in West Hollywood yesterday as a crowd of more than 60,000 persons — mostly gay — packed Santa Monica Boulevard for the 1980 Gay Pride Parade. Spectators crammed into every inch of space on shop-lined Santa Monica Boulevard, filling the sidewalks, hanging out of balcony-garnered windows and even sitting on the roofs of local stores. Vendors walked the crowds, selling sandwiches, drinks and plastic horns, while in the true spirit of a street party, local stores and bars provided raucous disco music that kept the mood upbeat.

More than 156 diverse groups took part in the parade, which included entrants from the "Gay Latino Pride" delegation, marching in colorful Latin American costumes, representatives of "Lesb-

think it makes the community more aware — maybe one day we'll all be able to live together.

Steve Warner, 37, and roommate James Hale, 27, watched the parade — which traveled 26 blocks — from a center traffic island with a group of about 26 friends who had just come from a brunch at their home.

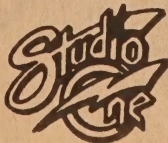
"We come every year," explained Warner, a West Hollywood resident. "We think this is very important to support because we are proud gay men, and this is a celebration for Gay Pride Week."

"I'm celebrating a special day with my people," explained one 22-year-old Thousand Oaks woman, who said her first name was Cindy. "We're all kind of fighting the same thing."

Cindy, who wore a tank top printed with "I'm proud to be gay" on it, said she thought the parade



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In Brief

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- 21, Thurs.:** Orange County Warm-up for King's Canyon; Rumour Hazzit, 8741 G.G. Blvd., 8-10 p.m.
22, Fri.: LA Warm-up for King's Canyon; W. Hollywood Park, 8-10 p.m.
25, Mon.: Inland Warm-up for Kings Canyon; MCC San Bernardino, 699 W. Rialto, 8-10 p.m.
26, Tues.: San Diego, Fresno Warm-ups; call for location, 8-10 p.m.
29-1: King's Canyon Weekend (Story page 6).

August

- 1-3: Reno Gay Rodeo** (See centerfold story).
1, Fri.: LA Warm-up for Angeles Forest, Santa Cruz, W. Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vincente, 8-10 p.m. (Car-pools to Rodeo leave afterward)
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5, Tues.: San Diego, Fresno Warm-Ups; call for location, 8-10 p.m.
8-10: Angeles Forest Weekend. (See story page 6).
15-17: Santa Cruz-Seacliff Weekend (Story page 6).
20, Wed.: Bay Area Warm-up for King's Canyon; call for location, 8-10 p.m.

September

- 3, Wed.:** Bay Area Warm-up for Catalina-Anacapa Islands; call for location, 8-10 p.m.
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12-14: Catalina-Anacapa Islands Weekend (Story page 10).

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Mar. 21-23: Joshua Tree

Apr. 11-13: Big Sur River

Apr. 25-27: Lake Mead

May 9-11: Mt. Tam./Pt. Reyes

May 23-26: Grand Canyon

June 6-8: Twin Oaks Ranch

June 20-22: L.A. Gay Pride

June 27-27: San Fran. Gay Pride

July 4-6: Phantom Ranch

July 11-13: Colorado River

Salt River Tubing/Arizona

July 20-17: Week at Big Sur

July 25-27: Big Sur Weekend

Aug. 1-3: Reno Gay Rodeo

Aug. 8-10: Angeles Forest

Aug. 15-17: Santa Cruz-Seacliff

Aug. 29-31: Kings Canyon

Sept. 12-14: Catalina/Anacapa Isles

Sept. 26-28: Yosemite

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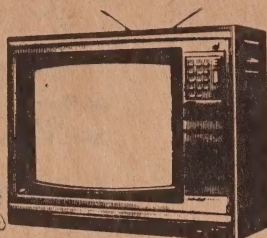
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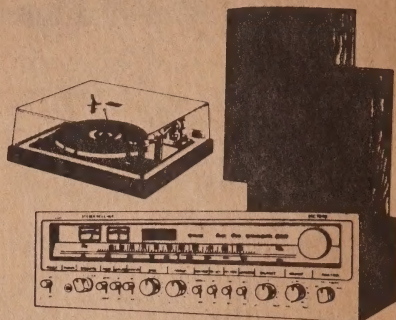
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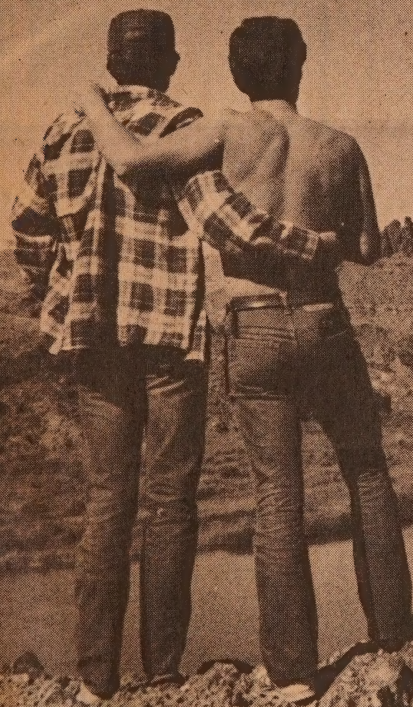
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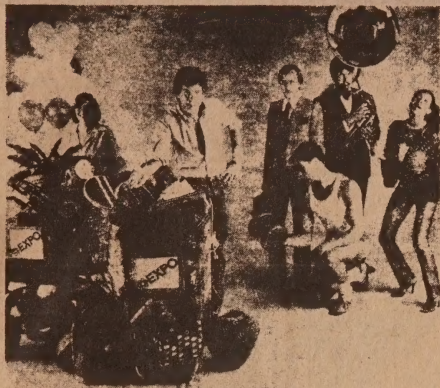
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Don Alexander of Saga Ski Club

Before taking a peek at some activities California gay ski clubs have in store for 1981, a quick plug for Great Outdoors' own statewide ski schedule: January 30-31 San Geronio Cross Country, February 6-8 Lake Tahoe, and a big March 13-15 Sequoia Ski and Camp Jamboree - invitational to all clubs across the state.

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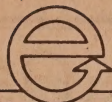
California Ski Clubs

LA/Arriba-plans weekends to Mammoth Jan. 15; Feb. 12; Mar. 5, 19; April 9, 23; and May 7, led off by a week long Mammoth Open House Dec. 24-Jan. 1. An Aspen week Jan. 25-Feb. 1 is planned jointly with other U.S. Clubs. Salt Lake is also set for Mar. 28-April 4. Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Westside Restaurant. Contact Steve Winters at 465-3825 or write Box 3213, LA, CA 90028.

LA/Saga-plans Mammoth trips on Dec. 12; Jan. 9; Jan. 23; Feb. 20; March 6; March 27 and April 9 weekends. Salt Lake City Dec. 20-25; Tahoe March 21-24; and Aspen Jamboree Jan. 24-30. Saga is the oldest Southland Gay Club and is non-profit. Contact Don Alexander at 668-0042 or write Box 27193, LA, 90027.

San Diego/Saga-San Diego's Ski Club goes to Mammoth Feb. 6; March 6, 27; and April 10 weekends. An Aspen trip is planned for Jan. 24-31 and Salt Lake slopes are waiting Feb. 13. Contact Mark Chapman at 264-4455 or write Box 3202, San Diego, CA 92103. (Non-profit).

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FEB

6-8 Lake Tahoe Ski Trip
13-16 Death Valley Campout

MAR

13-15 Sequoia Ski/Camp Jamboree
28-29 Pt. Reyes Backpacking

APR

3-5 Anza Borrego Desert Trip
17-19 Joshua Tree National Monument (Easter)
24-26 Pinnacles National Monument

MAY

1-3 Santa Barbara - Sespe Creek
8-10 Santa Cruz Seacliff
22-25 Memorial Day at Big Sur

JUN

5-7 Angeles National Forest
12-14 Yosemite Valley
17-21 Grand Canyon - Supai Backpack

JUL

3-7 Sequoia - Mineral King
17-19 San Onofre Beach Campout
17-19 Russian River Canoe & Camp

AUG

7-10 Yosemite Horseback and Campout
14-16 San Luis Obispo - Montana de Oro
21-23 Gaviota State Beach Campout

SEP

4-7 Labor Day Catalina Cruise & Camp
11-13 Immigrant Wilderness Backpack
18-20 Silverwood Lake - San Bernardino Forest

OCT

3-5 King's Canyon
10-12 Ghost Town Restoration
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NOV

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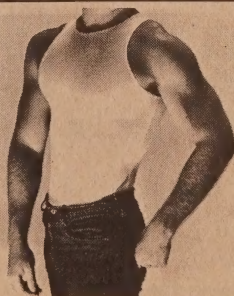
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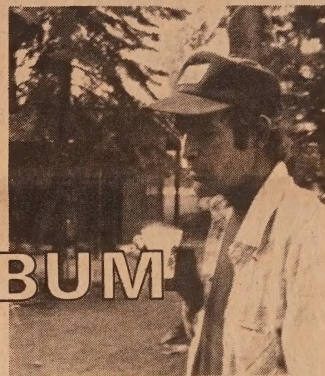
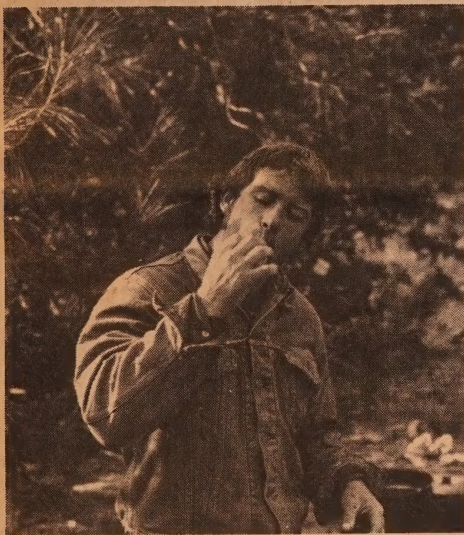
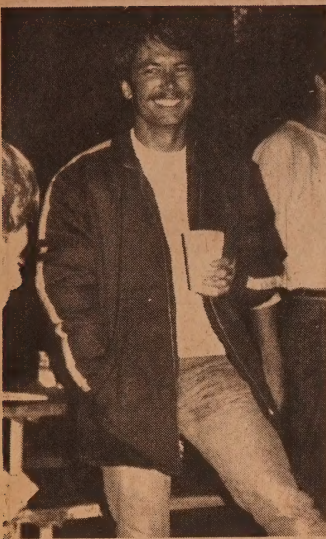
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A conference for the training of 1981 Trail and Camp Leaders will be held the weekend of January 16-18 at Joshua Tree. Basic wilderness education, safety Red Cross certification and trails leadership will be covered. Contact Steve Robinson (213-660-4474) or your local Trails Chief if you'd like to attend.

Newly-formed Front Runners Track Club of L.A. is open to all gay, lesbian and other interested runners. Emphasis is on competition in long distance events, but all serious beginning runners are welcome. For info call 213-508-0710 or write P.O. Box 1029, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

We "shutter" to think what you'd do if left out of the Great Outdoors photo album, being compiled by Michael Harris for circulation among chapters. Send your photos (with name duly inscribed on reverse) and caption c/o Headquarters.

A variety of winter activities are being planned by local chapters of Great Outdoors. Call the organizer for your area listed on page two.

Orange County Great Outdoors will have a re-organization meeting and year-end slide show Thursday, December 11 at Me 'N Ed's Pizza, 12731 Garden Grove Blvd. The Board of Directors has appointed Greg Carmack as new local organizer— you can reach him at 714-682-7976.

GO! Magazine is seeking energetic types for enlisting local businesses as Club Boosters. Handsome commission paid. A part-time graphics artist is also sought. Contact Headquarters at 714-682-7976 or your local organizer.

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Conference Brings Together People, Ideas

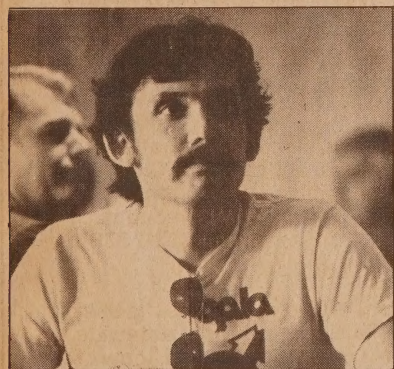
Delegates from across California converged on the Hotel San Maarten in Laguna Beach October 3-5 for the first annual Great Outdoors planning conference. Entitled GO! 81, the conference featured workshops on Trails Leadership, Chapter Administration, Events Planning, Community Outreach, and had major planning meetings which resulted in a 1981 Outings Schedule.

Conference participants heard speeches from a variety of community leaders. Keynoter J.E. Paul Breton, a movement veteran and close advisor to Great Outdoors, spoke of his view of Great Outdoors: "helping people say 'yes' to life." Pat Burke, Editor of "Update", provided helpful data on reaching out to the gay and non-gay media. The head of an eminent recreational charities foundation, Bruce Hopping, sought "the use of Great Outdoors good name" in bringing a project to fruition.

All in all, the conference was a productive, unqualified success. The amount of work accomplished was amazing, and the good fun provided by Laguna Beach member Larry Burkhardt and company was memorable.



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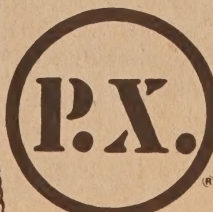
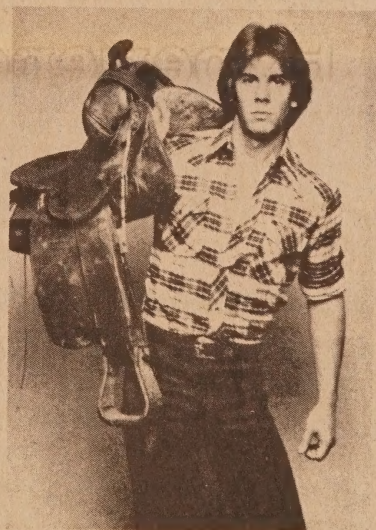
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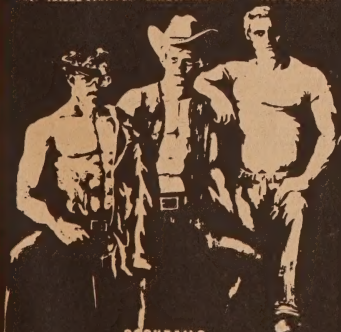
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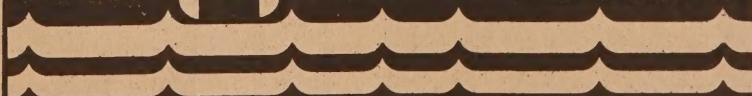
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Nov. 24-30: Trip to Kauai-Oahu. Call Greg at 714-682-7976.

Nov. 27: Santa Barbara Beach Outing. Call Denis at 805-965-5887.

Nov. 27: Have turkey dinner with Open Quest. Call 213-650-1812.

Nov. 27-30: Baja-Taho Canyon Back-pack. Call Stan at 714-561-2813.

Dec. 6: Inland Empire invites you on a hayride! Call Ed at 714-686-1745.

Dec. 10: San Diego monthly meeting at the Flame.

Dec. 10: Special Advocate Experience "Opening Space" at Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, San Francisco, 8 pm.

Dec. 11: Orange County Meeting and Warm-up Party, Me N'Ed's Pizza, 12731 Garden Grove Bl., 8-10 pm.

Dec. 12-14: Visit the Great Outdoors booth at EXPO, L.A. Convention Center.

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